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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As you know, resurfacing of the H-1 freeway eastbound from Punchbowl Street to the Kapiolani Interchange began in June. During the nighttime paving operation, the H-1 eastbound section up to University Avenue is completely closed to complete the work. With the complete closure of the freeway, re-paving can progress rapidly and lessen the noise and traffic impact for both residents and commuters. See the back of this newsletter for a map of the freeway closure plans. You'll also find the times and locations of daytime lane closures.

At the same time that we have been making significant progress on the construction front, we have also been aggressively filling the need for timely and useful information to the traveling public. Another H-1 Corridor Construction tabloid was published June 21 and 22 in Honolulu's daily newspapers. It provided a comprehensive overview of all state construction along the H-1 Corridor.

In addition, the DOT recently introduced its construction mascot, Captain Coneman, to assist motorists with helpful information about construction. He will be on TV and radio providing drivers with the latest information as well as encouraging safety. The DOT is also producing "Visor Advisors" that motorists will be able to pick up at stores around Oahu. These cards will feature closure and detour information and will easily fit on any car's visor for quick and easy reference right in your car. These monthly newsletters are meant to keep you informed on the overall progress of work on the H-1 (See inside articles for ongoing projects).

For more information on the H-1 construction schedule, call the H-1 Hotline at 587-2345, or you may sign up to have construction updates automatically e-mailed to you by visiting the DOT's web site at www.state.hi.us.

Finally, I know there are many who continue to be puzzled over why so much road construction is happening on Oahu at the same time. For the DOT, many of the projects have been driven by the re-paving of the H-1 freeway—a task long overdue. By coordinating these projects with the utility companies and the H-1 re-paving work itself, we have been able to reduce the cumulative construction time from 10 years to under two years, saving Oahu motorists tens of thousands of dollars in lost time due to commuting delays.

Also, by scheduling this utility work prior to re-paving, it means eliminating the need for crews to dig up a road several times to complete all the work—a process for which we have also been routinely criticized.

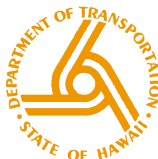
While we know the comprehensiveness of the project creates a larger inconvenience, we believe that it is still the lesser of two evils in terms of lost time, frustration and public dollars. Again, we ask for your understanding as we work to improve the highways that are our economic and social lifeline.

Mahalo,



Kazu Hayashida
Director of Transportation

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H-1 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TIMELINE

2000

Jan

Nearly Completed Projects:

- Kaimuki Area Ramp Resurfacing (Substantially complete.)

Feb

- Seismic Retrofitting—Kapiolani Interchange Off-Ramp and Main Grade Separation Structure (To be completed fall 2000.)

Mar

- H-1 Lighting Upgrade (To be completed by July 2000.)

Apr

Began April 2000:

- Frontage and Cross Road Work in Preparation for H-1 Freeway Resurfacing

May

Began June 2000:

- H-1 Freeway Resurfacing (To be completed October 2001, but project may be shortened by up to six months with all-night paving.)

June

- Waiālae Avenue Landscaping (To be completed mid-2001.)

July

Beginning July 2000:

- Kalanianaʻole Highway Resurfacing

Aug

Beginning Late Summer 2000:

- Seismic Retrofitting—Lunalilo-Vineyard and Makiki Off-Ramps and Palama separation

Sept

Beginning October 2000:

- Punahou Off-Ramp Widening

Oct

Nov

Dec

Jan

Beginning January 2001:

- Waiālae Bike Lane Improvements

H-1 FREEWAY RESURFACING

Start: In progress.

Estimated Completion: Between May and October 2001.

Contractor: Kiewit Pacific

Cost: \$23,400,000

Re-Paving:

On June 25, the contractor began resurfacing the H-1 freeway. This involves resurfacing from the Punchbowl Street off-ramp to Kapiolani Interchange, including all on- and off-ramps, frontage roads and cross streets. During the nighttime paving operation, the H-1 freeway is completely closed in one direction to facilitate crews and heavy equipment needed to complete the task. With the complete closure of the freeway, re-paving can progress rapidly to lessen the noise impact on nearby residents.

The re-paving operation occurs Sunday-Thursday from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. The contractor expects to complete re-paving the Koko Head-bound freeway portion in approximately six weeks. Final preparation work on the Ewa-bound portion of the freeway will take eight weeks thereafter, before re-paving can begin on the Koko Head-bound lanes. Finally, like the work on the Koko Head-bound lanes, re-paving will take another six weeks.

Water Line Installation:

All probing work prior to water line installation for the H-1 Corridor project was completed in June. Water line installation continues along Bingham Street and is currently 80 percent



Repaved H-1 freeway eastbound lanes.

complete. Work has progressed on Bingham Street to the Punahou Street intersection and to Wilder Avenue, between the University on-ramp and Wilder off-ramp.

During water line installation, the contractor is continuing to close one or more blocks at a time on frontage roads and ramps, allowing only local traffic.

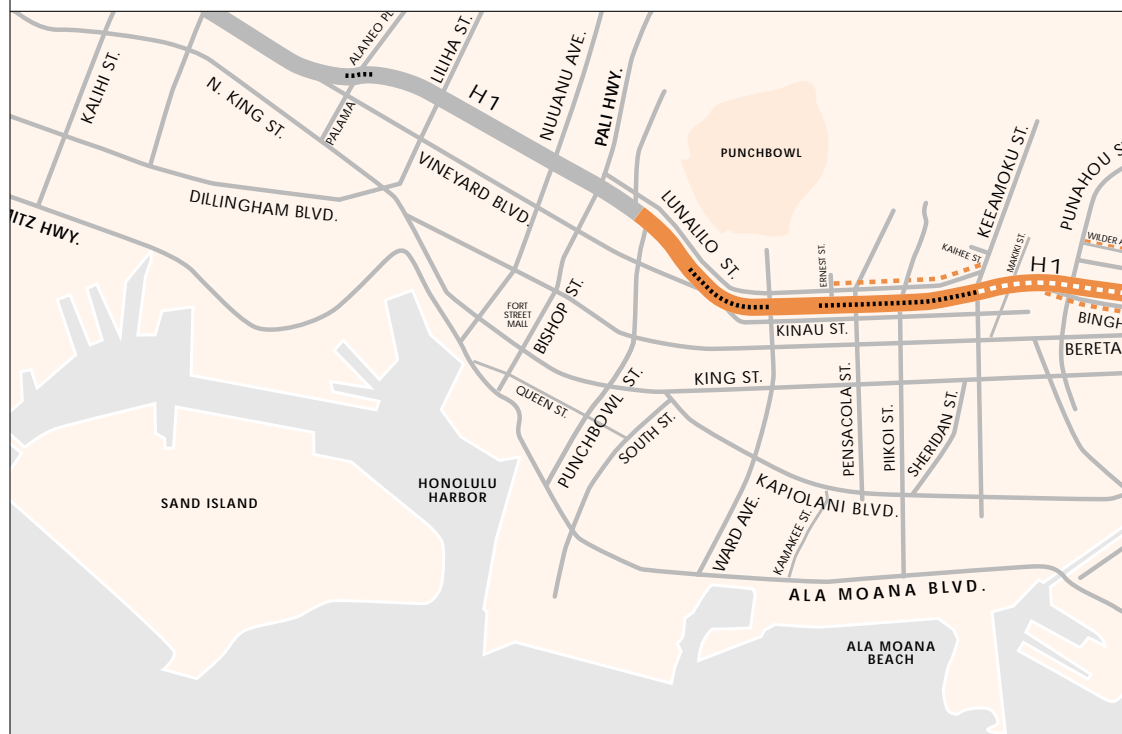
KALANIANAʻOLE HIGHWAY RESURFACING

Start: Work was postponed until July 10 to avoid occurring during the Fourth of July holiday.

Estimated Completion: The contractor is currently working on a construction schedule.

Contractor: Grace Pacific

Cost: \$6,000,000

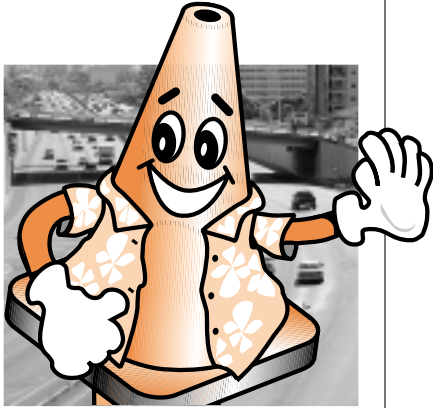


The replacement of the highway lighting system along the H-1 Corridor from the Keeaumoku Street overpass to Ainakoa Avenue is substantially complete. Remaining work includes the removal of old lights and other miscellaneous work between 6th and Ainakoa Avenues, which is expected to be completed this month. To complete the project, some lane closures may occur Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.

In June, hinge retrofitting continued on the main structure and Kapiolani off-ramp. Work had progressed to the abutment retrofit on Kapiolani Boulevard, mauka-bound, between Old Waialae Road and South King Street. A portion of the work is delayed to allow H-1 resurfacing to proceed.



IT'S A BIRD,
IT'S A PLANE...
IT'S A CONE!?!



Captain Coneman has had a busy first month on the job. The state Department of Transportation is utilizing its new H-1 construction mascot, Captain Coneman, to share important information on DOT construction projects throughout 2000 and 2001 as he helps maintain communication between the state, construction crews and drivers on Oahu. He will also promote safety in construction areas.

You may have seen Captain Coneman on TV, informing Oahu's motorists how they can get up-to-date information on H-1 closures and detours by visiting the DOT web site (www.state.hi.us), watching H-1 traffic forecasts on Channel 2, listening to KSSK every morning, or calling the state's H-1 Hotline at 587-2345.

As we make our way through the various phases of construction along the H-1 Corridor, our mascot will be there to help us sort through the information and speed us on our way toward a better and more efficient highway system.



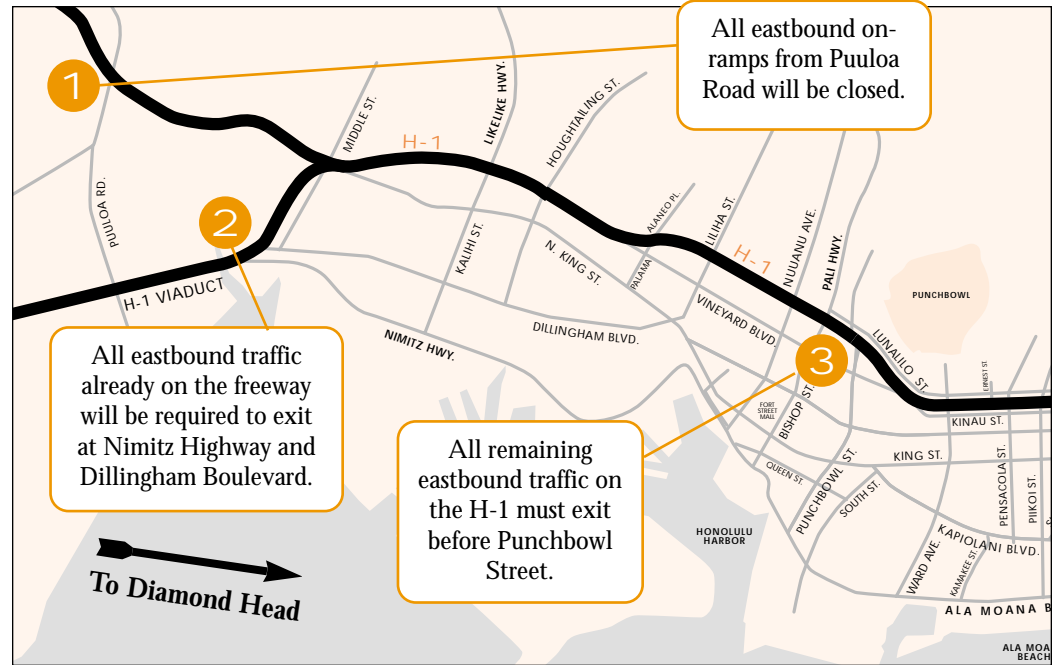
H-1 FREEWAY CLOSURES FOR RE-PAVING

On June 25, the state began closing the H-1 freeway in the eastbound direction Sunday-Thursday from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. for resurfacing, which is being performed in two phases:

◆ During the first phase (approximately the first two to three weeks), motorists can return to the east-

bound freeway via the University Avenue on-ramp.

◆ During the second phase (approximately the third to sixth weeks), motorists can return to the freeway via the Kapiolani Boulevard eastbound on-ramp. Other nighttime closures on the H-1 will remain unchanged.



JULY 2000 SCHEDULE FOR H-1 PROJECTS

LOCATION	DAYS / HOURS	PROJECT	TRAFFIC IMPACT
H-1, from Punchbowl Street to Kapiolani Interchange Sunday, 9 a.m.-Monday, 5 a.m.	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 p.m.-5 a.m.	H-1 Resurfacing	Daytime lane closures; Nighttime eastbound freeway closures Sunday-Thursday after 8 p.m.
H-1, Eastbound, from the King Street Off-Ramp to Kapiolani Interchange	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	H-1 Resurfacing	Lane closures
H-1, Westbound, from Kapiolani Boulevard to King Street	Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Seismic Retrofit	Possible lane closures
H-1, Old Waiālae Road to Ainakoa Avenue	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	H-1 Lighting Upgrade	Lane closures
Bingham Street	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Water Line Work (H-1 Resurfacing)	Block closure (local traffic allowed)
Lunalilo Street	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m.-Monday, 5 a.m.	Water Line Work (H-1 Resurfacing)	Block closure (local traffic allowed)
Wilder Avenue	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.	Water Line Work (H-1 Resurfacing)	Block closure (local traffic allowed)
Waiholo Street	Daily, 24-hour (Beginning July 10)	Kalanianaʻole Highway Resurfacing	Street closure
Waikui Street	Daily, 24-hour (Beginning July 10)	Kalanianaʻole Highway Resurfacing	Street closure
Waiālae Avenue (near Kahala Shopping Center)	Hours TBA	Waiālae Avenue Landscaping	Minimal traffic impact expected